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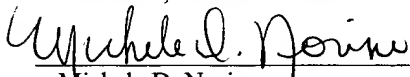
**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION DATED
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This is in response to the Office Action dated October 22, 2004, for which the three-month shortened statutory period for reply is set to expire on January 22, 2005. While it is believed that no additional extension of time or any other additional fees are necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to grant any needed extension of time and to charge any additional fees which may be required for this Response, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-2252.

Amendment to the **Claims** is reflected in the **Listing of Claims** which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

Entry of the Amendments below and consideration of the Remarks that follow is respectfully requested.